



Staten Island Visitor Programs

Fall 2007

September

Fall Arts and Crafts

Miller Field Ranger Station

Saturday, September 1 at 1 p.m.

Join a National Park ranger for an afternoon of arts and craft activities. All materials will be provided and all ages are welcome. For reservations call (718) 351-6970.

Tour of Fort Wadsworth in Russian

**Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center
Sunday, September 9 at 1 p.m.**

Rich in history and natural beauty, Fort Wadsworth affords the visitor the opportunity to observe an important part of our nation's history while offering views of New York Harbor. Ranger Lana Merzlyakov will lead a tour of historic Fort Wadsworth in Russian. For reservations call (718) 354-4500.

International Beach Clean-Up

Fort Wadsworth

Sea Bee Park Picnic Area

**Saturday, September 15
from 1:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m.**

This is the 22nd Annual International Coastal Beach Cleanup, locally sponsored by the American Littoral Society. Volunteers from businesses, scouts, individuals and schools are welcome. Working materials will be provided. Contact Charles Holmes at (718) 354-4500 or 4705.

Have a Safe Trip:

Enjoying Your National Parks

**Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center
Saturday, September 15**

at 1:30 p.m.

A visit to any of our 391 national park units is always an enjoyable and educational experience. In this one hour program learn ways you can also make sure that it is a safe and healthy one. Reservations required. For information call (718) 354-4500.

Astronomy Night

Great Kills Park

Model Airplane Field

**Saturday, September 15 and
November 17 at dusk**

Join the Amateur Astronomers Association for a tour of the evening sky. Telescopes will be available or you can bring your own. In the event of inclement weather the program will be cancelled.

A View From the Top

Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center

**Sunday, September 16 and
November 18 at 1 p.m.**

Enjoy a tour of Battery Weed and its top tier (weather permitting) for a special view of New York Harbor. Visitors will also be able to see the newly restored turn-of-the-century lighthouse. Minimum height requirement for kids is 48 inches. Reservations are required. Please call (718) 354-4500.

Dragonfly Migration

Great Kills Park

Education Field Station

Sunday, September 16 at 1 p.m.

Join naturalist Paul Lederer at the field station then drive to Crooke's Point for a hike to view migrating monarch butterflies and dragonflies.

From Woods to Water

Greenbelt Nature Center

September 23 at 10 a.m.

Join NYC Parks & Recreation Dept/Greenbelt Educator's, National Park Service and Protector's of the Pine Oak Woods for this journey to Great Kills Park Blue Dot Trail. Moderate hiking terrain, three hours long. Bring water, snack and appropriate footwear. The hike ends at Great Kills Park—please make arrangements for pickup at this location. Registration required. Call Greenbelt Nature Center for more details: (718)351-3450.

After-School Program

Huguenot Library

Wednesday, September 19 at 4 p.m.

Thursday, November 15 at 4 p.m.

Richmondtown Library

Tuesday, October 23 at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, November 20 at 4 p.m.

Children ages 8-11 will explore the National Park Service portable discovery station and learn about native plants and animals.

**Gateway NRA
Staten Island Unit
210 New York Ave.
Staten Island, NY 10305**

**Fort Wadsworth
(718) 354 – 4500**

The visitor center is open Wednesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ranger-led tours of the fortifications are conducted Wednesday through Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

**Great Kills Park
(718) 987 – 6790**

The ranger station is open Friday through Monday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Miller Field
(718) 351– 6970**

The ranger station is open Wednesday through Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Permits

Fishing and Bird Watching Nature Study parking permits are available for the 2007 season at Fort Wadsworth, Miller Field and Great Kills Park. Boat Launch Permits are issued at Great Kills Park only. Call (718) 987-6790 for more information.

For information on programs at other units of Gateway NRA contact:

**Jamaica Bay Unit, New York
(718) 338 – 3338 x 224**

**Sandy Hook Unit, New Jersey
(732) 872 – 5970**

www.nps.gov/gate

**Gateway NRA
Office of Communications and
Public Affairs
(718) 354 - 4606**

**The Four Seasons:
A Driving / Walking Tour
through Staten Island's National
Park Sites
Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center
Sunday, September 30
from 1 -4 p.m.**

Celebrating the Staten Island Photography Contest there is a special three - hour tour of Great Kills Park and World War Veterans Park at Miller Field. Visitors must provide for their own transportation. For reservations call (718) 354 - 4500.

October

**Open House New York
Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center
Sunday, October 7 Tours at
10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.**

The fifth annual Open House New York Weekend on Saturday and Sunday October 6 & 7. Open House New York celebrates New York City's architecture through an annual program of public access to significant buildings and sites in all five boroughs. We will be offering tours to Fort Tompkins and Battery Weed. Please visit (www.ohny.org) to confirm details on all city events. For the tours in Fort Wadsworth please call (718) 354 -4500 for reservations and additional information.

**Film: "Anne of Green Gables"
Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center
Saturday, October 20
from noon-2 p.m.**

Enjoy the classic film *Anne of Green Gables* about a girl living on Prince Edward Island, Canada during the twentieth century. Afterward you are invited for a tour of Mont Sec House, Fort Wadsworth's historic officer's quarters. Reservations requested: (718) 354-4500.

**Fifth Annual Photography
Contest**

Age categories for amateur photographers: Thirteen years and under; High School Students; and Adults (18 years and older.)

Photographs must be submitted either in person at the Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center or mailed to:

PHOTO CONTEST

Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center
210 New York Avenue
Staten Island NY 10305

Attention: Steve Salgo

All photographers will receive a receipt for their photographs if dropped off at the Visitor Center.

Submission Deadline: Monday,
November 26, 2007

Subject matter is limited to the cultural, natural, and recreational resources of Fort Wadsworth, Great Kills Park and World War Veterans Park at Miller Field. Images may include historic buildings, fortifications and scenic landscapes, as well as plants and wildlife in the natural environment.

Photograph Requirements:

No more than three photos may be submitted per photographer. Print size requirements are 8 x 10, 8 x 13 or 11 x 14. Do not mount or frame the prints. Photographer's name, contact information, location of the photo and title must be written on the back of each print.

Photograph Categories:

1. Color
2. Black & White
3. Photo-shop Enhance

Winning photographs will go on temporary exhibit at the Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center in winter 2008. Call (718)354-4500 for more information.

Astronomy Night-The Orionid Meteor Shower

Great Kills Park

Model Airplane Field

Saturday, October 20 at dusk

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Celebrate General Wadsworth's 200th Birthday

Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center
Tuesday, October 21 at 1 p.m.

An afternoon celebrating the life and accomplishments of James S. Wadsworth on the 200th anniversary of his birth. Music, re-enactors, period crafts and lectures. For reservations call:(718)354-4500.

History of Aviation

Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center
Saturday, October 27
at 12:30 p.m.

“Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines” (1965)

The earliest days of flight are recreated in this slapstick farce depicting a 1910 London-to-Paris air race. For information, call (718) 354-4500

Halloween-Style Lantern Tour of Fort Wadsworth

Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center
Saturday, October 27
from 6:30-10 p.m.

Our most popular tour explores the historic sites of the fort by lantern light. Experience history while walking through a dark and deep moat surrounded with gun slits. Bring a flashlight.

For reservations, call (718) 354 - 4500 (Note: space is limited - reserve early)

November

The Staten Island Creative Photographer's Guild: A Photo Display of the National Parks of New York Harbor

Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center

Saturday, November 3

Sunday, November 4

from 11a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Creative Photographer's Guild, formed under the direction of veteran photographer George Roos, gives Staten Island photographers a venue where they can display their work in a gallery setting. Visitors can view this display during its two day event. Call: (718) 354-4500.

Celebrate the Gettysburg Address and General Weed's Birthday

Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center

Saturday, November 17

at 1:30 p.m.

This program celebrates the Gettysburg Address and General Weed's birthday.

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Staten Island Unit Junior Ranger Program

The Staten Island Unit Junior Ranger Program is self-guided and available year-round. Children ages 7 to 12 years can participate by picking up a free booklet at the Great Kills Park Ranger Station, the Miller Field Ranger Station or the Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center. The booklet, “National Park Adventure for Junior Rangers,” contains self-guided and ranger-led activities that must be completed at all three of the Staten Island Unit’s sites. For more information, call (718) 987-6790.